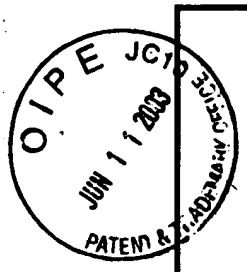
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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First Named Inventor	Hitoshi IWASAKA et al.		
Application No.	09/930,159	Group Art Unit	3749
Filing Date	August 16, 2001	Examiner	RINEHART, KENNETH
CPA Filing Date		Confirmation No	1497
Title of Invention	NON-CONTACTING CONVEYANCE EQUIPMENT		

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on __
 - iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).
- b. ☐ Other

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	BASIC FEE	$ 750.00
Since an Official Action set an original due date of __, petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month ($110); 2 months ($410); 3 months ($930); 4 months ($1,450); 5 months ($1,970)):		
Suspension Fee ($130.00)		
Total of above Calculations =		$ 750.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).		-375.00
TOTAL FEES DUE =		$ 375.00

4. ☒ Small entity status:
 a. ☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.
 b. ☒ A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired.
 c. ☐ is no longer claimed.
5. ☐ Other:

6. METHOD OF PAYMENT

☒ A check in the amount of $ $375.00 is enclosed.
☐ Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)

7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to:
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9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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